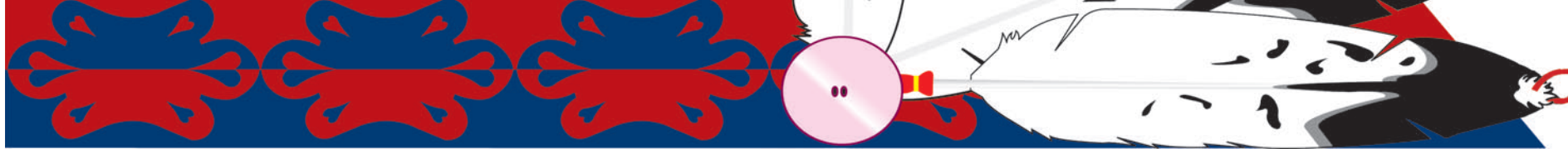


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## Menominee Tribal Enterprise Annual Meeting and Election Results

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The Annual Meeting of the Menominee Tribal Enterprise Board of Directors took place on Saturday, September 27, 2003 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Menominee Indian Middle School in Neopit, Wisconsin. Present for the meeting was Board of Directors: Ben Kaquatosh, Bernard Vigue, Louis Washinawatok, Madam Chair Jerilyn Grignon, Davey Jean Peters, Myron Pat Grignon, Melissa Cook, Art Chapman, Joe Besaw and Linda Caldwell. Board of Director Members David Wilber and Ed Miller were not present at the meeting. Menominee Nation News was informed that Mr. Wilber resides in Washington.

Present from Menominee Tribal Enterprise Administration were: Dan Leonard, Human Resources Manager; Jim Wacker, Finance Manager; Marshall Pecore, Forest Manager; Allen Quinney, Lumber Products Division Manager; Mike Prieue, Management Information Systems Manager; Tom Walenski, Purchasing Manager and James Kaquatosh, Sales Manager. Also present were Independent Auditors Wayne Link and Jason Hilgen from Brettingen, Smits & Novak of Antigo, Wisconsin.

Menominee Tribal Enterprise Board of Directors 2003 Candidates present were: Steven J. Arnold, Douglas Cox, Gordon James, Sr., James Kaquatosh, Louis Washinawatok, Edmund Waubanasum, Karen Waukau and Anthony Waupochick, Jr.

The election results were as follows: Steven J. Arnold 181, **Sharon Madosh-Corn 183**, Douglas G. Cox 161, Gordon James Sr. 133, **James R. Kaquatosh 183**, **Louis Washinawatok 195**, Edmund Waubanasum 176, Karen Waukau 158, **Anthony Waupochick Jr. 229**, **Edwin Wilber Sr. 212**. Sharon Madosh-Corn and James R. Kaquatosh tied with 183 votes each.

To rectify the tie, Mrs. Madosh-Corn and Mr. Kaquatosh had to request a recount. The recount took place on Tuesday, September 30th at the



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**Above: Marshall Pecore, MTE Forestry Manager explains the forestry practices during the Annual Meeting held at the Menominee Indian Middle School in Neopit.**

Menominee Tribal Enterprise Headquarter Boardroom in Neopit. The tie remained after the recount, therefore, those concerned opted for a coin toss. The coin toss took place on Wednesday, October 1st where James Kaquatosh was the winner. Congratulations to the new 2003-2004 Menominee Tribal Enterprise Board of Directors and good luck in all your endeavors.

The annual meeting discussion opened with comments regarding the new MTE President, Eldon Spady, not present. During negotiations of Spady's one year contract, he was adamant that he would not be available for work on Saturdays. Therefore, no work on Saturdays is included in his contract. Tribal members present, approximately twenty, were very concerned with this arrangement and requested that "in the future the President of MTE be available this one day a year

to meet with tribal members for the Annual Meeting," as stated by Frances Walker.

Discussion went on the legal representation of MTE. Currently there are outside lawyers representing MTE. These outside lawyers are based in Minneapolis, MN. The following is a summary of a handwritten review of legal expenses submitted for review by tribal member Linda Caldwell. She obtained this information from MTE financial reports.

#### **Outside Lawyers:**

182,426.04

208,783.36

110,441.44

**501,650.84** *Total Legal fees paid*

*between 2000-March 2003*

150,000.00 *Budgeted for '03-'04*

9,211.83 *Staff Attorney actually paid*

74,771.25 *Proposed budget staff attorney*  
*'03-'04*

**735,633.92 TOTAL**

**MOTION MADE: Gene Caldwell: (Motion for the MTE board to consider) deleting the Minneapolis attorney and have the In-house attorney do this work. Seconded by Ed Waubanasum, Sr. Vote: In-favor 16, opposed 10 and 11 abstained.**

Due to the fact that there was not a quorum present the motion is for the board to consider only. In order for any business to be official a quorum of the tribal membership is needed.

The next item of business on the agenda was committee reports.

Forestry Committee – Chair, Louis Washinawatok began with a verbal report/response to comments made in

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